GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1659
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PRODUCTION OF ENDOSULPHANE IN HIL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued any direction to stop production of endosulphane in Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), Udyogmandal, Kerala in view of the protests raised by environmentalists;

(b) if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the use of endosulphane is harmful to health;and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) and (d) Government of India constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. C D Mayee, the then Agricultural Commissioner to review the safety of Endosulfan. The Committee recommended that the use of Endosulfan be continued as per the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1948.